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## REMOVE DISCRIMINATIONS

Honolulu has a woman who desires to enter the lists as a candidate for delegate to congress but she is precluded from so doing as the provision of the Organic Act require the delegate shall have the same qualifications as a territorial senator and one of those qualifications is male citizenship. Rightly the Honolulu Star-Bulletin protests against such discrimination against women holding elective offices in the territory or as delegate to congress because of sex. Maui News urged an amendment to that provision of the Organic Act in several editorials more than a year ago and when the last legislature was in session.

There is no reason why her sex should debar woman from legislating, as the Star-Bulletin remarked in an editorial last Saturday, but that paper sees further discrimination against women because they are not allowed to vote at the "age of majority" as on the mainland. The age of majority here is 18 years for women and 20 for men but the Organic Act allows neither sex to vote until the would be voter attains the age of 21 years, and would have the Organic Act changed in that respect also.

It is a question whether allowing a youth of 18, whether male or female, to enter into contracts and to be held responsible for them as a mature person is wise or beneficial, whether the discrimination shown for women in the territorial law as to majority is a discrimination for or against the woman. However there can be no reason for discrimination because of sex as to age of majority any more than in right to hold office and it is the territorial law that should be amended in that respect, not the Organic Act that should be amended to let girls of 18 cast the ballot.

Admitting that girls mature physically younger than do boys there is no evidence that they mature mentally two years earlier and are better fitted to vote than are boys of the same age. College statistics do not show that in co-educational institutions girls are graduated two years younger than boys. In the handling of business affairs, there is no indication that the average girl of 18 is better fitted or more competent to understand the nature of contracts, the importance of affairs industrial and commercial than is the boy of the same age.

The territory would be very much better off if the age of consent for females was raised and if the consent of parents to marriage was required for both sexes until the contracting parties had reached the age of majority. Why the age of majority should be made 20 instead of 21 for males in Hawaii, is also a matter for which there seems no good reason. So far as changing the age for voting is concerned it would seem that it would be better for the territory to make its laws covering the subject of age of majority conform the voting age of the Organic Act than to take the other way about.

By all means give women the right to hold office now they have the right to vote, make them eligible to jury duty as well but remove discrimination as to sex from all of the territorial laws before "monkeying" any more than is necessary with the Organic Act. It's easier to change a territorial law, as well.

## DOES IT PAY?

As the result of a booze inspired "joy ride" Louis Lake has been convicted of manslaughter in the third degree as the unintended instrument for the death of H. T. White and several others have had to face some very unpleasant notoriety for having been in the party, two as witnesses of the assault at the entrance of Claudine wharf, one of the two accused of brutality toward the fallen sailor by the defendant when the latter took the witness stand in an effort to clear himself, and a suspicion of the sailor having had his purse taken by some of the party having been aroused against the other members of the joy riding party.

There have been dozens and scores of similar parties before that ended without serious results and usually without unpleasant notoriety for any of the participants but any one of such parties might have ended the same way, it was good fortune, not good management or good judgement that prevented some of them ending in disaster.

No one has intimated that Louis Lake would maliciously and willfully kill a man. All admit that he was not his ordinary, every day self when he assaulted White. But he is the sufferer nevertheless, and not alone for the suffering falls upon an innocent wife and children as well. Every one in the party has suffered mental anguish and torture for the past seven weeks, hours and hours of it for every minute of fun or pleasure that he enjoyed that evening.

It is a temptation to go away with a party of friends for an evening of song and jollity inspired by alcoholic stimulant that appeals to many, a strong temptation, but when the possible consequences are weighed the answer "No" always comes to the question "Is it worth while?" Such parties do not add to the social standing or the business standing of any participant, tend only to lower him in the estimation of his friends and neighbors, irrespective of his abetting in the illicit booze traffic as receiver of it. He makes big sacrifices for a few minutes or a few hours of "fun."

## FOR PARTY HARMONY

Overtures have come to Maui from the Republican central committee to the end that Maui may be represented on the central and executive committees in whose deliberations the Republicans of this county have taken no part since the last territorial convention. They come on the eve of a special election for delegate to congress and they are extended in a manner which can leave little to be asked, embodying a reorganization of the committee through the nomination and election of new officers.

Since Maui Republicans cut loose from the convention this county rolled up a party majority larger than the normal for delegate to congress, legislators and for county officers. Non-membership in the committee did not weaken party loyalty in the least. There was no revolt against the party but there was one to the organization of the committee. The committee was weakened as a result of Maui's defection, its prestige was very much lessened when it presented re-

## THE OPTIMISTIC PESSIMIST

When the average wife starts on a family budget system she first looks carefully into hubby's personal expenditure to see if savings cannot be effected there. The husband meantime points to what he likes to call the big leaks to distract attention from his own affairs.

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The difficulty in trying to read the thoughts of some persons is the same that attaches to trying to peruse a sheet of blank note paper.

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Hitching one's wagon to a star does not necessarily mean giving the buzz wagon to an actress or a chorus girl.

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Dempsey going hunting African elephants, is a head line. Thought he had drawn the color line.

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Some people seek trouble but the majority fall into one while trying to duck out of the way of another.

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A conference is a talk fest that the talkers want people to think is important. A noise by any other name might sound as loud.

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A self help advice in case one is caught in a fire is to keep cool and send for the doctor.

quests to the National Committee or to federal officials of Washington for it was not representative of all of the Islands.

Now the time has come when it is necessary to present a strong and united front to the enemy. There has been no breach in the party, as said, but there has been an appearance as if there were a breach. This will be removed if Maui Republicans accept the invitation extended to them in the spirit in which it is offered and there is every indication that such action will be taken. Maui can do this without loss of dignity and without receding at all from the position her delegates took when they cut loose in Honolulu. Whether represented or not this county will roll up its majority for the Republican candidate on March 25, whoever he may be, but the other counties will feel better, safer and easier if Maui is represented on the central and executive committees.

Associated Press correspondence from Jerusalem says that 200,000 Christians have fled from their homes in Cilicia since it has become known that France made a treaty with the Turkish Nationalist government. They want to get away before they are in the condition of the Armenians who suffered because of treaties between Christian nations and the Turkish government and the fear of one another commercially the Christian nations have let govern their international politics.

Not so much of the Girl Scouts' movement as of the Boy Scouts is heard on Maui, but the organization has done splendid work in the past year. The girls need an organization to direct their energies quite as much as do the boys and they are finding it in their various troops.

Reports from Honolulu indicate a continually growing strength for Senator Harry A. Baldwin for delegate. Meantime Senator Baldwin is adding nothing to what he has already said. While he may accept the nomination he is in no sense seeking it.

A Hilo headline speaks of a "near relief" worker. The lady was not a near worker nor a worker for near relief but a worker for genuine relief and she is now on Maui to tell of what she saw.

## TRY A DEFINITE PLAN

Most of the people of the United States plan to accumulate money and many actually try. A fairly large number succeed. The majority fail.

With the exception of those who have met unfortunate circumstances, those who do not accumulate money usually fail because they have not adopted a definite plan for building up financial independence.

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